Soft loan from ADB for reconstruction of Tsunami hit areas

2202. SHRIMATI SYEDA ANWARA TAIMUR: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any grant or soft loan from the Asian Tsunami Trust Fund established by Asian Development Bank (ADB) for reconstruction and rehabilitation of areas damaged by the Tsunami which occurred on December 26, 2004; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) A Joint Assessment Mission of the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) and the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) had visited the affected states of Andhra Pradesh, Kerala and Tamil Nadu, and the Union Territory of Pondicherry during February 1-15, 2005 to define the quantum of assistance required for post Tsunami reconstruction activities from the ADB and other multilaterals.

Complaints against employees of Allahabad Bank

2203. SHRI VEER SINGH: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether complaints/information/cases against the employees of Allahabad Bank in transferring the vehicles on forged documents with Transport Authority, Delhi and their involvements in any court/criminal cases other than bank business have been received;

(b) if so, the details with present status including names, designatiion, place of postings of those employees with particulars of the vehicles involved;

(c) whether permissions for loans for such vehicles were sought by such employees;

(d) whether unscruplous employees are still holding independent charge of banks unit, if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the action taken/proposed to be taken in view of (a), (c) and (d) above?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (e) Do not arise

NPAs of banks

†2204. SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the total outstanding amount of NPAs in various banks in the country;

(b) whether this amount has reduced or increased during the last three years;

(c) whether the previous Government had implemented any scheme to pay the lumpsum amount of NPAs; and

(d) if so, how far that scheme has proved effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI S.S. PALANIMANICKAM): (a) and (b) The Gross and Net Non-Performing Assets of different bank groups are as under:-

(Rs. in Crores)

Banks	2002		2003		2004	
	Gross	Net	Gross	Net	Gross	Net
Scheduled commercial banks	70861	35554	68714	32764	64786	24617
Public Sector Banks	56473	27958	54086	24963	51538	18860
Old Private Sector banks	4851	3013	4568	2741	4392	2140
New Private Sector Banks	6811	3663	7232	4142	5963	2717
Foreign Banks	2726	920	2708	867	2894	900

(c) and (d) Revised guidelines for compromise settlement of chronic Non-Performing Assets (NPAs) of public sector banks upto Rs. 10 crores were issued on 29th January 2003 which were later extended upto 31st July 2004. Under the scheme an amount of Rs. 1442.98 crores was recovered in 211587 cases by September, 2004.

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